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SUBJECT: INF – EARTH TEAM AWARDS

To: All Employees

ACTION REQUESTED: OCTOBER 15, 2007

Purpose. To initiate the Earth Team Awards process in New Mexico and request nominations.

Expiration date. December 31, 2007

New Mexico is initiating the Earth Team Awards process to recognize the excellent work and many contributions made by our Earth Team Volunteers. Each office may submit one nomination per category. Nominations are due to the State Volunteer Coordinator no later than the close of business on **October 15, 2007**. Late nominations will not be accepted and no unsolicited material should accompany the nominations (e.g. photos, news articles, etc.) Award nominations forms are attached for your use. All New Mexico award recipients will be forwarded to the National Earth Team Coordinator for consideration at the national level.

Award Categories:

- Earth Team Individual Volunteer Award (NRCS-PER-036). This award recognizes one outstanding volunteer.
- Earth Team Group Volunteer Award (NRCS-PER-036). This award recognizes one outstanding volunteer group.
- SWCD/NRCS Earth Team Award (NRCS-PER-039). This award is presented to the most effective Earth Team in a conservation district which demonstrates shared leadership among district officials, NRCS employees, and Earth Team Volunteers.
- RC&D/NRCS Earth Team Award (NRCS-PER-039). This award recognizes one RC&D Council. The award is presented to the most effective Earth Team that demonstrates shared leadership among RC&D council members, NRCS employees, and Earth Team Volunteers.
- NRCS Employee Earth Team Award (NRCS-PER-038). This award recognizes one NRCS employee.

- Earth Team Volunteer Coordinator Award (NRCS-PER-038). This award recognizes one outstanding area or state volunteer coordinator.

Send nominations to: Natural Resources Conservation Service
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If you have any questions feel free to give me a call (505-761-4402) or drop me an email at rita.yarbrough@nm.usda.gov.

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Enclosures